

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Porter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant, Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr. (Late Arrival), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr. (Late Arrival), Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1.1. Election Results Update-

- Ms. Boone read the election results with regards to the votes cast and the absentee voting.
- She provided the City Council with updated election results that included the unofficial count of the provisional ballots. She stated that the Board of Elections will verify and certify the provisional votes.
- Mayor Grant wanted to know if there were any challenges with regards to the election. Ms. Boone stated that she didn't have any challenges. However, she would recommend that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Election be provided training by the County Board or Elections.
- The City Council thanked her for serving and stated that the election was run smoothly.
- Mayor Grant requested that she write an article in the next election regarding the elections and updating the voter information.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1.1. NONE

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1.1. Additional Funds Request for City Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

- Mayor Grant stated that everything is moving along. The challenge is finance. He stated that we started late with the back and forth and he did not raise a lot of money in sponsorship.
- He stated that Kratos is giving a \$100,000, but it will be billed directly to them, as we have not signed the Master lease.
- He stated that we had requested \$50,000 from the appropriated line item, which we budgeted a \$100,000 for the line item.
- He stated that he needs an additional \$60,000 for the groundbreaking ceremony.
- Councilwoman Stephenson stated that she would like to see a break-down of the monies being spent.
- Councilman Raynor wanted to know if the expenses associated with the project will be reimbursed. Mayor Grant stated that it would be after the building is built.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that she would not want to approve an additional \$60,000 for the event. She stated that something else may fall-thru, as he stated the Master lease has not been signed.
- Mayor Grant stated that the monies provided has paid for securing an event planner, website and deposits for other vendors associated with the event.
- Councilwoman Stephenson requested a report in writing with a breakdown of the expenses.
- Mayor Grant stated that he would provide the City Council with a written report.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to deny the request of the \$60,000. The motion carried.
- FOR: Simms, Stephenson
- AGAINST: Hardy, Higgs, Porter, Raynor and Yeargin
- ABSTAIN: None
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Hardy to approve the Mayor's request of \$60,000. The motion carried.
- FOR: Hardy, Higgs, Porter, Raynor and Yeargin
- AGAINST: Simms and Stephenson
- ABSTAIN: None

5. ANNOUNCEMENT

5.1.1. Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department 2nd Annual Crab Feast, Saturday, September 15, 2012, 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 from 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 in advance and \$45.00 at the door

5.1.2. Swearing-In Ceremony, Monday, October 1, 2012, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.

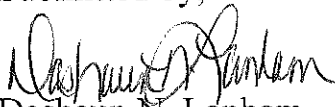
5.1.3. Public Session, Monday, October 8, 2012, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.

5.1.4. City Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, Saturday, September 29, 2012, Goodwin Park from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

5.1.5. Ward II Crime Watch Meeting, Wednesday, September 26, 2012, Pleasant Home Community Center 6810 Greig St., Seat Pleasant, MD from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

ADJOURN-The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham

City Clerk

APPROVED 10/08/12